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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

AHN ET AL.

Examiner

Sara W. Crane

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 9 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21, 33-40, 45 and 46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 13-21 and 33-37 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12, 38-40, 45-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-12, 38-40, and 45-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yi et al. (6,635,921) in view of Hori (5,604,357).

With respect to claim 1, figure 1 of Yi et al. shows a planar transistor in the substrate (source and drain are 17s and 17d) and a vertical tunnel junction transistor 15 disposed on the planar transistor. Hori figure 8 teaches to include a MISFET for selection adjacent a tunnel junction device disposed on a planar transistor. It would have been obvious to include a MISFET as taught by the Hori figure in the Yi device, for the same purpose, to provide for selection circuitry. With respect to claims 2-6 and 9-11, each of the structures recited in shown in figures 1-3 of Yi et al. With respect to claim 7, the storage node of the vertical transistor would lie over only part of the region lying between the source and the drain of the planar transistor, as shown in figure 8 of Hori. With respect to claim 8, a lightly-doped drain region adjacent the drain of the planar transistor would have been obvious, for the usual reason such regions are used in the art, i.e., to control the electric field distribution adjacent the drain. With respect to claim 12, different thresholds would have been obvious in view of the difference

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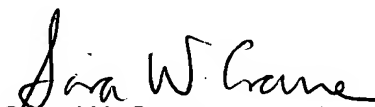
functions and structure of the two devices. With respect to claims 45-46, the shared regions are as taught by the Hori figure.

With respect to claims 38-40, Figure 9A of Yi et al. shows a storage node gate layer 57a which is laterally offset from both source and drain. Alternatively, layer 15 of the Hori tunnel device (10 in figure 8) is laterally offset from the drain 3.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to S. Crane, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1652.

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